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OPENING OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices opened in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and West Bengal during the last two years till date, district-wise;

(b) the total number of post offices opened in the country during the last three years;

(c) the number of proposals lying pending for opening of post offices in these States and the time by which these post offices are likely to be opened; and

(d) the number of post offices upgraded in these States during the said period and number of post offices proposed to be upgraded during the ensuing three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) District-wise details of the number of post offices opened in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and West Bengal States during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04, are given in Annexure-I.

(b) 941 post offices have been opened in the country during the last three years.

(c) The number of proposals received for opening post offices in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and West Bengal are given below:

J&K	:	01
Gujarat	:	08
West Bengal	:	74

These proposals require to be examined further to ascertain the justification for opening them.

Opening of post offices is an ongoing activity. Post Offices are opened subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms, availability of resources and through the redeployment of existing manpower. Hence the exact time by when these post offices will be opened cannot be indicated at this juncture.

(d) The number of post offices upgraded in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat and West Bengal States during the year 2001-02, 2002- 03 and 2003-04 are given in Annexure-II. Upgradation of post offices is based upon their fulfilling work and financial norms and it is an ongoing activity. Hence, it is not possible to state the number of post offices proposed to be upgraded during the ensuing three years.